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Chicago American
- and -
Lectures of William Ferguson

Associate G.S.H. of Chicago (c/o BSR Hdqrs. San Diego) sends us a series of articles published by this daily with the comment: "This sort of decent reporting (without the usual smirching and sarcasm) represents a turning point of public and professional opinion. The reporter Tom Eastham is to be commended." The seven consecutive issues are in fact so-many straws in the wind, surprisingly tolerant and serious-minded, and increasingly so in the later numbers. As an example of sightings reporter Eastman quotes "two amateur astronomers of Rockford, Ill., Peter Bartkus and Theodore McColm. They were watching the moon on Sept.5, 1954", and according to Bartkus they observed 'the most unusual phenomena they had ever witnessed':

"The moon was observed thru my six-inch cassigranian reflector telescope using a secondary mirror. The total focal length for this set-up is over 100 inches, and with the use of 150 & 200 power oculars we got tremendous power with the last loss of light. The moon was in the first quarter and its diameter was 29 ft. 30".

"We saw a spherical object ascending from the northern section off Mare Humboltianum area. It was not glowing or brilliant, but seemed more like a dull reflected light of a planet. Its size we estimated at about the diameter of the craters Pitiscus or Vlaco. At the time it disappeared at 11:15 it had traveled more than the 29 ft. 30" arc in about 40 minutes. We checked out the possibility of atmospheric diffraction in the sky or the scope by traversing the scope and by changing oculars. The object must have been a powered body, because as the moon was descending at 1,081 Mph., the object was ascending and not following a true orbit. It was definitely in space and in the same field as the moon or near the moon."

Bartkus and McColm (the news article continues) "have sketched the path of the object they saw. By calculus they estimate it to have been about 12,500 ft. in diameter... The stories keep coming in. Those told in detail (in the American articles) are but a few of hundreds. . . . "

Columnist Eastham also writes up the "Angel Hair Mystery" and includes the information that "a preliminary report by French chemists showed as a result of burning tests that the substance is organic" - which agrees with BSR conjectures. The sample received by us, however, disappears very slowly indeed and does not seem to leave any greenish residue.

In the issue of Feb.1, 1955, the American discusses the work of Eng. John Otto and two other electronics experts, in trying to communicate with the space people by means of light beams (receiving and transmitting messages over them). The "first signs of life were in the form of a code, resembling the Morse code in pattern but more like the ringing of bells." Later came what sounded like gutteral voices - "syllabic in nature & definitely of a voice frequency" but not yet decipherable. What has been heard has probably NOT been intended for earth reception. The apparatus is simple. The transmitter consists of a microphone & an audio-amplifier which varies the intensity of the infrared rays of the light beam. Ordinary tungsten lamps are used. The receiver picks up variations in the beams thru a photoelectric cell, and these are transformed into sound thru a voice-reproduction circuit and then amplified. The visible leight beam is not needed since the sound travels over the infra-red.

Once again we remind our Associates, that the Mark Probert Controls advised the use of light beams for this purpose, some five or six years ago, both for signals and for 'telephonic' communication. This hint should have been acted upon at once - and would have been had the BSR possessed sufficient funds, laboratory facilities and technical assistance. BSR technicians should still take this up - the possibilities are very great. Note the information in preceding paragraph.

Lectures of William Ferguson: LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Assoc. G.S.H. also calls attention to recent lectures(Jan. 18, '55), and adds: "Mr. Ferguson specifically qualifies that during his phenomenal experiences he himself functions in the 4th-dimensional frequency. He agrees that "they" have learned how to lower their frequencies so as to function three-dimensionally if they wish, but says that the Saucers are of the 4th dimension, etc. - - in precise agreement with practically all the BSR contentions...".

I have no personal knowledge of Mr. Ferguson - and I do not like to be quite so easy and casual with the term "4th dimension" - as if it really meant something intelligible - but it does seem as tho'Mr Ferguson is reporting his experiences honestly and saying something important. "The Venusians have flying homes" says he, after describing an etheric building of several storeys, with windows, a veranda, and "a kind of front yard observation platform". It's not clear where this local improvement is situated('where' and 'when' questions make no sense anyhow) but it might be in your front yard ('gentle reader') as easily as anywhere else. And since an Etherian can probably make himself a space ship a mile long and spot it anywhere from Terra to Arcturus, a cosy bungalo right where your own house is should be no trick at all. . . If this sounds fantastic and a bit flippant as well, it nevertheless belongs to an order of ideas which must and will some day become part of our accustomed thinking.

"M.K." Communicators* (recent replies to questions):

"If there are any (space people, Etherians) who are hostile (toward earth) we do not know of them."

"There are some craft which come from the Moon and are operated by excarnate humans as you call them. They are learning how to manipulate etheric matter. We will tell you more about this later if you wish."

"Yes, of course we are willing to cooperate in giving you true and helpful information, but who will believe?".

"We are an Etheric people from the planet you know as Mars". (see Reconciliation article in this C-4).

"The human race is unique --*and we are laughing too. The human mind is beyond comprehension. There is no planet with a race like yours, and never will be again, we think." (Note* The communicator changed his mind about what he was going to say, hence the sentence construction).

"That language (Enochian) is from an etheric world. It is very old and but not as old as some others such as Taba. Yes, that is right." (The M.P. communicators would agree).

"Yes, it is possible for an earthman at death to enter the etheric (as vs the astral)worlds. But few do so as there are many preconditions as you call them. If you wish to do so you must first find your ME."

"The Emerald Tablets are from Lemuria. Originally there were many more of them but they have been lost."

NOTE: These "M.K." Communicators are newcomers to our pages; we quote them pro tem. with all reserve, and their remarks are NOT to be attributed to the Inner Circle (or others) of the Probert Controls. To these latter our indebtedness is continual and very great.

RECONCILIATION:

A "Communicator" (from among the Invisibles) in whom we have considerable confidence, recently remarked: We are Etherian people from what you call the planet Mars." Similar expressions, coupling the name of some celestial body with the term 'etheric' or 'etherian', have not been infrequent in the past. Consideration of these may partly solve the disagreement between those who insist that all or most of our sky visitors come from the visible planets, and those who consider them etheric or space people ("space" being equivalent to the ethers and of high material density.

It is a very ancient occult teaching, that all celestial bodies (like all material objects of our plane) have an etheric 'duplicate' or 'counterpart' which is not perceptible to us, though it is just as material as is our own earth, or Mars or Venus. On the other hand it is believed that there are innumerable etheric worlds and races and objects of every kind which do not have a double in 'gross' matter such as we can see and touch. The curious book called Oahspe/mainly an account of such worlds and beings. And the Mark Probert Controls have been repeating for the last ten years that most of our visitors are etheric people, who nevertheless visit all of the planets, both those which are visible and their 'sub-etheric' counterparts. And when a space-man, being questioned as to his origin, indicates in some way (say) Mars or Venus he very likely means: 'I come from that etheric region', or, 'that was our last port of call'.

The communicator referred to in our first paragraph above may be, and probably is saying exactly that - i.e., 'We are etherian people, from the etheric double of the planet you call Mars.' The probabilities are, that his 'permanent residence', so to speak, is a travelling space-craft which may be as large as a planet, not permanent in any space-locale, but temporarily on etheric-Mars, or recently from that place.

With this point of view in mind, we have never contended strongly against the idea that these aeroforms 'come from' the visible planets - except when that belief led on to the impossible notion that these vast incredible constructions were tooled up in some Venusian or Martian aircraft plant, put together out of such metal as we are familiar with - and hence are something we could promptly make for ourselves if we could get hold of one long enough to study it.

It is true, we have always affirmed, that the landed Discs, for example, are just as 'material' as any airplane. There is such a thing as etheric steel and copper and aluminum (prototypes of our metals), and when their vibratory rates are properly altered they cannot at first inspection be distinguished from earth substance. But it is NOT to be inferred that these Discs and their huge mother ships remain what they appear to be when they leave the earth-environs, or that they cross space as craft made of earth-stuff, or land on visible planets. The more the data are studied, in their entirety, the more evidence accumulates to the contrary or at least to a different view.

It is even contended that this 'pedlar-pack' (colportage) of misunderstanding is quite necessary and proper, since only the grossest materialism is understandable to the 'common man', and anything else would frighten him out of such few wits as remain to him. That the end justifies the means - though the means be deliberate deceit and the result a basic error. The times are shortened, and the 'common man' must become less common. Scientism (soi-disant science), tho' nauseated by metaphysics, will have to accept the purge willy-nilly. We do NOT agree that the public must be systematically deceived for their own good(?). "Now is the axe laid to the root of the tree."

The 'Reconciliation' of our title is between diverse understandings of etherian utterances and of factual data. A correct basic understanding integrates them - and this without shifts and compromises. "Cometh now the unavoidable hour". Dishonesty hath a slothful house and is good neighbor to none.

"THE THING" Casts Shadow Over City -- (Cincinnati Post, January 20, 1955): Whatever it was, hanging there in the southeastern sky over Price Hill at 5:25 A.M. Thursday, it was blacker than the night. And it scared David Owen of 229 Craft St., Winton Place, a man not customarily susceptible to fear. He was delivering his "Enquire" route when he saw the "thing".

"I was standing beside my car," Mr. Owen related, "at St. Lawrence and Rutledge avenues. I happened to look up and here was this big, black blob, I'd say 25 feet in diameter, coming down - fast. It stopped when it was down about the height of Carew Tower. Then it started back up again and headed southeastward over St. William Church, about Eighth and Sunset. It went out of sight in about three or four minutes. I know it was not smoke and it was blacker than the night. . . black as ink. I tell you for a minute I was scared. I'd sure like to know what it was."

A.W. Walstrom, U.S. Weather Bureau chief, couldn't explain "the thing". No snow clouds, he said, that might cause such a phenomenon. No balloons aloft. No nothing. It's anybody's guess," said Mr. Walstrom.-(Cr. Assoc. L. Mann, Loveland, Ohio). --

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"Strange Blue Light Seen Over Oregon Mountain Road"--LaGrande, Ore., Jan. 28,'55 --AP.(-Charleston, S.C. News and Courier, Jan. 30, '55 clipping): A strange blue light is reported bobbing in the air over the Blue Mountains along the Weston-Elgin highway these cold winter nights, and no one who has seen it has an explanation.

It was first seen about two weeks ago, by two drivers of a State Highway Dept. snow-plow team. They saw a blue light on the highway ahead of them, and dimmed their lights. There was no change in the blue light, which seemed to be coming toward them. They stopped - so did the blue light. Then it began moving up, down, and sideways. After a moment, it moved upward and vanished over the trees with a hum. The drivers started up, and the blue light reappeared in the sky, emitting a bluish glow with an occasional blue flash, then it vanished.

Several others have reported seeing this blue light bobbing about, and from it have heard the humming sound. It was thought it could have been a helicopter, but there is none known in this area. A viewer, veteran of both Army and Navy, said the movement could be that of a helicopter, but the sound was not. About 500 yards was about the closest anyone had been to the light.-(Credit Frances S. Livingston, Assoc. of Summerville, S.C.)

Dr. Holloway and the Etheric Interpretation ("4-D"):

"This conception is simply that the 'flying saucers' and other aeroforms now moving through our skies come from other dimensions of existence - different frequencies or vibratory rates of the etheric world ... (coming from) different etheric locales, or from different etheric planes of various planetary and star bodies. The etheric idea is steadily gaining ground. Its consistent espousal is due mainly to the work of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates of San Diego, who received in 1946 a definite explanation from the Mark Probert trance Controls. . . It is being taken up with enthusiasm in other countries. Reports say that Shaw Desmond has embraced this view, as have many other international pundits... The etheric view gains ground slowly here among our materialists and naive religionists. But the fact remains that the etheric explanation IS THE ONLY ONE THAT ADEQUATELY COVERS ALL THE OBSERVED FACTS - all other explanations are partial only . . ." (pg.8)

(From Messages from Space People, a brochure by G.N. Holloway, Ph.D. Address Box 27866, Los Feliz Sta., Los Angeles 27, Calif. Price $1.00. Dr.Holloway is nationally known as a lecturer and writer). ml

"C.Q.C." D-4 (February 15, 1955)

Associate George C. Wilson, of Santa Barbara, California, sends us a notation concerning two new books: '"Space, Gravity and The Flying Saucer", by Leonard G. Cramp, MSIA foreword by Dosmond Leslie, price $3.00 - publishers, British Book Center, 122 East 55 St., N.Y., N.Y.,(printed in U.S.A.) 'Desmond Leslie sent a folder of this book in his last letter to me.

"The author claims that the reports of sightings of flying saucers from all over the world have assumed such a definite pattern that they contain a clue to the secret of their means of flight. He therefore offers an original theory of space travel. The author then examines George Adamski's claims that flying saucers have landed. After rigorous scientific examination he demonstrates why he believes Adamski's photographs to be authentic."

"Flying Saucer From Mars" by Cedric Allingham - price $2.75 - British Book Center, 122 East 55 St., N.Y., N.Y. (printed in U.S.A.)

"Cedric Allingham, author of this new book, is no mystic but a trained scientific observer with considerable astronomical knowledge. He claims that in February, 1954, he saw a Flying Saucer land in North Scotland, and not only photographed it from close range but made contact with its occupant and photographed the 'Martian'. Mr. Allingham's description is fully confirmed by an independent witness, James Duncan."

Assoc. G.W. also encloses, "just for the record", a statement made by newsman Paul Harvey, on Monday, February 7, '55, to the effect that 'there will be no H-bomb test this year, no matter what they tell you is the reason for the cancellation. The facts are that our planet is too small.'

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The editor is in receipt of a letter from Associate Dr. C.H.S. (D.C.), which contains the following sentences: "I am enclosing one of Dr. W.G. Hendricks' booklets -- thanks for recommending him to me. I went to him as soon as I received your letter. After six weeks treatment my check-up was negative. Had cancer of the bladder. Before I went I was sure I had it, because of continued awful pain. See so many getting well there who were given up last year, and had only a month or so to live. They are living and getting well. All four of the people working in Dr. Hendricks' office have had cancer, and recovered under his treatments."

- The doctor referred to is: Dr. Wendell G. Hendricks (physician and surgeon), whose address is: 10481 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 25, California. (Phone: BR 0-4101). Dr. Hendricks has successfully treated a great number of persons with the Koch catalyst. The BSR publications have supported the Koch treatment for many years past. - Information may be obtained by writing to Dr. Hendricks -- and BSR Hdqrs. also have a dollar booklet covering the same subject.

For the information of our Associates: There is every sign of an impending shortage of paper, envelopes, printers' and publishers supplies in general, and very likely an increase in costs. If these conditions are reflected in the appearance of our publications - you are hereby warned in advance, and your indulgence hoped for.

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Information wanted: Will the Associate who recently sent us currency, in an envelope postmarked New York 17, Feb. 10, '55, no 'return' address or other notation, please identify himself, and accept our thanks meanwhile? ML

"CQ.C." D-4 (February 15, 1955)

EXCERPT from letter of Associate Gilbert Ryan to M.L.: "When I talked with you last you were interested in UFO's over western Colorado. I forgot to tell y o ù then, but will now. The appearance of UFO's in that area was just prior to, or at the time of, the great uranium strike or discovery. It happened while I was in Colorado Springs. I point this out --

UFO's were first seen in great numbers over Oregon and Washington. The first bomb plant was built at Hanford, Washington, on the Columbia River that separates the two states. This was in 1943 and 1944. I was there at the time. Owned land and worked near the place. Not over a dozen men know what this many-thousand-acre project was to be. That is: only a dozen men AND the UFO's.

There are no records of the first two drops at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but I'll bet if you can check back, they were over New Mexico where the first test was made.

You will find, by elimination, that wherever UFO's have appeared overhead, very important things took place shortly thereafter in the region below. You know how they operate. The shapes, action and interest are totally mental. The attraction is mental contact with destructive intentions of man. Either that, or thoughts a n d plans leading to it.

They were swarming over South America. They are now over Italy. It is my contention that a devil's brew is a-cookin' that we 'don't know nothin' about yet -- but will later.' You will find that they are scarce, I think, or not promiscuous over India, Ireland, Swedon, Switzerland, Central Africa -- in short, any neutral area.

The behaviorism of UFO's seems to me like this: They do not intend to be seen by earthlings. They have to emerge for a close physical observation, and in doing so, are seen. Not by will, but out of necessity. - I feel the "Inner Circle" will verify the above deductions."

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COMMENTS by the trance-control, Natalli: "Whether we like to accept the fact or not, the chemical substances used in most of the 'saucers' are of such soft metals that you would consider them impossible to use. They consist mostly of aluminum, copper, and magnesium, with plenty of room left over for expansion in their electronic fields for heat created in them when they come into your atmosphere.

"The balls or discs of light, sometimes only a few inches in diameter, consist of 99% aluminum, with 1% of copper in very ionized form. These are used as a rule as photo plates, that televise their pictures back to the mother ship that gave them birth, and are later destroyed or disintegrated. The large green fireballs are ionized copper, and are exploded in your atmosphere to absorb the radiations created by your atomic bombs. These radiations drift toward the north magnetic pole, and most of the green fireballs originate in the northern skies.

"We say to you that the phenomena you are now witnessing have their life and being in other space-time dimensions. On certain occasions their field of motion is brought down to correspond with theirs. This idea is so unconventional to you that you call it fantastic. Yet your earth and all the untold universes with endless billions of bodies came out of other space-time states. They appeared first in your dimension as a point, then as a series of points making a line, then as a series of lines making a surface. Due to the new form of motion they appeared as heat energy at first. This is the way the things you call discs or saucers first enter your three-dimensional state. That is why they are often seen as balls of pure white light, often running through the entire color prism. Later as they slow up their motion they become as solids to your world; but the alignment of their molecular structure makes t h e m electro-magnetic and subject to the magnetic poles of the earth - which are controlled by the electromagnetic flow from the sun." (from ROUND ROBIN VIII-3, Sept-Oct '52)

BOOK DONATIONS, etc.

About two months ago an Associate suggested that members having books in the various fields of BSR interests, which they no longer needed, might donate them to BSR Hdqrs. with permission to sell - retaining the proceeds to help on BSR expenses. We take this opportunity to thank the CQC readers who have done this, and also to announce the receipt of the following, which are now available, but are not yet listed on the "book clearance" sheet already sent out:

1. Psychical Physics; Professor S.W. Tromp; 530 pgs. New condition. Pub.price $8.00; our price $6.50 (rigidly scientific in field of radiesthesia).

2. Philosophy of Natural Magic, by Agrippa; 285 pgs. New condition. Pub.price $3.50; our price $2.50.

Books 1 & 2 donated by Assoc. L.L. Carino/

3. Edison, His Life & Inventions: 2 vols. Good condition. Our price $5.00. Gift of M.D. Lewis.

4. Soul of Nyria (Memory of a past life in Ancient Rome) by Mrs. Campbell Praed. 443 pgs. Critical preface; documented; illustrated. A remarkable book. Our price $3.00. Gift of Sylvia B. McIntyre.

5. How Do We live: by Some Who Know. (Letters from Writers in the Spirit World) 285 pgs. Excellent condition. Pub. by a research group. Pub. price $2.50. Our price $1.75

Please bear in mind that we seldom have more than one copy of the same book, and that we must fill orders as they are received. If we cannot supply and unless you have an alternative choice, we shall refund promptly.

Not irrelevant to the foregoing, Editor William Kullgren (Beacon Light Herald) remarks in his Feb-March issue:

"Take for instance our own case. We still sell our dollar books at $1.00, but it is a 50c dollar today, and that is why we find it difficult to keep afloat. I am told we should raise our prices. Well, the fact is that our supporters are not on the gravy-train. A lot of them are on old-age pensions or have a small pension from private industry which today is entirely inadequate, and so more and more we are forcing these people on public relief of one kind or another."

We do not think many of our Associates are on relief, but the struggle with the 50c dollar is familiar to nearly everyone, Associates and Director included - whence the book donation plan - and others. But Assoc. Winona Cromwell (Hemet, Calif.) writes us: "I do think you should 'up' the yearly RR subscription a few dollars. No one would grumble at that if they value the information your publications give. The British, who always have an eye to the pennies, have doubled their subscription rates - so, how about it?"

We'll pass this 'how about it' along to our readers, merely in hope that you-all, or many of you, will send us a few lines - approval, disapproval, suggestions, even $$$ or four-leaf clovers. And 'thanks for listening'. ml

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We knew it! Sooner or later we shall have to explain that the formula "4-D" used for convenience to mean the "etheric interpretation of the aeroforms" does NOT commit us to the thesis that these are "4th dimension" phenomena only - whatever that may mean. "X-D" or even "N-D" might be a micro-bit more accurate - if we must unscrew the inscrutable with symbolic phrases.

.EARTHQUAKES IN AMERICA: (1811 & 1886)

EXCERPTS) From Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, of September 4, 1886. *

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"Timothy Flint, principal of the Seminary of Rapide, La., in a letter written to Rev. James Flint, of Salem, Mass., gives the following account of the New Madrid earth - quake:

"From all accounts corrected one by another, and compared with the very imperfect narratives which were published, I infer that the shock of these earthquakes in the immediate vicinity of the center of their force must have equaled in the terrible heavings of the earth anything of the kind that has been recorded. I do not believe that the public has ever yet had any adequate idea of the violence of the concussions. We are accustomed to measure this by the buildings overturned and the mortality that results. Here the country was thinly settled. The houses, fortunately, were frail and of logs, the most difficult to overturn that could be constructed. Yet, as it was, whole tracts were plunged into the bed of the river. The graveyard at New Madrid, with all its sleeping tenants, was precipitated into the bed of the stream. Most of the houses were thrown down. Large lakes of twenty miles in extent were made in an hour. Other lakes were drained. The whole country to the mouth of the Ohio in one direction and to the St. Francis in another, including a front of three hundred miles, was convulsed to such a degree as to create lakes and islands, the number of which is not yet (1819) known. To cover a tract of many miles in extent, near the Little Prairie, with water three or four feet deep, and when the water disappeared a stratum of sand of the same thickness was left in its place. The trees split in the midst, lashed one with another, and are still visible over great tracts of country inclining in every direction and in every angle to the earth and horizon. They described the undulation of the earth as resembling waves, increasing in elevation as they advanced, and when they had attained a certain fearful height the earth would burst and vast volumes of water and sand and pit-coal were discharged as high as the tops of trees. I have seen a hundred of these chasms which remained fearfully deep, although in a very tender alluvial soil, and after a lapse of seven years whole districts were covered with white sand . so as to become uninhabitable. The water at first covered the whole country, particularly at the Little Prairie; and it must have been, indeed, a scene of horror, in these deep forests and in the gloom of the darkest night, and by wading in the water to the middle, to fly from these concussions, which were occurring every few hours with a noise equally terrible to the beasts and birds as to men. The birds themselves lost all power and disposition to fly, and retreated to the bosoms of men, their fellow sufferers in this general convulsion. A few persons sunk in these chasms, and were providentially extricated. One person died of affright. One perished miserably on an island, which retained its original level in the midst of a wide lake, created by the earthquake. The hat and clothes of this man were found. A number perished, who sunk with their boats in the river. A bursting of the earth, just below the village of New Madrid, arrested this mighty stream (the Mississippi) in its course, and caused a reflux of the waves, by which in a little time a great

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* The full caption (1886 style) for this article is: EARTHQUAKES IN AMERICA --The New Madrid and Mississippi Valley Shake of 1811 -- Extracts from the Various Published Accounts -- Showing that the Convulsions of the Earth were More Severe --But the Damage to Property not so Great -- As by the Shake We have Just Experienced -- Remarkable Similarity Between the Late Convulsions / And Those of the Years 1811 and 1812. The article fills four closely printed columns 24 in. in length and is fully documented.

Credit, Assoc. H.B.Williams for the clip: 1718 Lambart St., Indianapolis, Ind.

number of boats were swept by the ascending current into the mouth of the bayou, carried out, and left upon the dry earth when the accumulating waters of the river had again cleared their current. There were a great number of severe shocks, but two series of concussions were particularly terrible -- far more so than the rest. And they remark that the shocks were clearly distinguishable into two classes --those in which the motion was horizontal, and those in which it was perpendicular. The latter was attended with explosions and the terrible mixture of noises that preceded and accompanied the earthquakes in a louder degree, but were by no means so desolating and destructive as the other. When they were left the houses crumbled, the trees waved together, the ground sunk, and all the destructive phenomena were more con - spicuous. In the interval of the earthquakes there was one evening, and that a brilliant and cloudless one, in which the western sky was a continued glare of vivid flashes of lightning and of repeated peals of subterranean thunder, seeming to proceed, as the flashes did, from below the horizon. They remark that the night so conspicuous for subterranean thunder was the same period in whivh the fatal earthquakes at Caracas occurred, and they seem to suppose these flashes and that event part of the same scene. One result of these terrific phenomena was very obvious.

"The people of this village has been noted for their profligacy and impiety. In the midst of these scenes of terror all, Catholics and Protestants, praying and profane, became of one religion and partook of one feeling. Two hundred people, speaking English, French and Spanish, crowded together, their visages pale, the mothers embracing their children -- as soon as the omen that preceded the earthquakes became visible, as soon as the air became a little obscured, as though a sudden mist arose from the east -- all, in their different languages and forms, but all deeply in earnest, betook themselves to the voice of prayer. The cattle, as much terrified as the rational creation, crowded about the assemblage of men, and seemed to demand protection, or community of danger. One lady ran as far as her strength would permit, and then fell exhausted and fainting, from which she never recovered. The general impulse when the shocks commenced, was to run, and yet when they were at the severest point of their motion the people were thrown on the ground at almost every step. A French gentleman told me that in escaping from his house, the largest in the village, he found he had left an infant behind, and he attempted to mount the raised piazza steps to recover the child and was thrown down a dozen times in succession. The venerable lady in whose house we lodged was extricated from the ruins of her house, having lost everything that appertained to her establishment which could be broken or destroyed.

"The people at the Little Prairie, who suffered most, had their settlement, which consisted of a hundred families, and which was located in a wide and very deep and fertile bottom, broken up. When I passed it and stopped to contemplate the traces of the catastrophe which remained after seven years, the crevices where the earth had burst were sufficiently manifest, and the whole region was covered with sand to the depth of two or three feet. The surface was red with oxided pyrites of iron, and the sand blows, as they were called, were abundantly mixed with this kind of earth and with pieces of pit coal. But two families remained of the whole settlement. The object seems to have been in the first paroxysms of alarm to escape to the hills, at the distance of twenty-five miles. The depth of the water that covered the surface soon precluded escape. . . They remarked that the chasms in the earth ran from southwest to northeast and were of an extent to swallow up not only men but houses 'down into the pit'. These chasms occurred frequently within intervals of half a mile ...

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Note: These terrific seismic disturbances, which in 1811 and again in 1886 convulsed the central river valleys of the U.S., tho' now almost forgotten, may remind us that we have no immunity against similar events in the future. We hope to reproduce the entire article as a separate brochure. ml

BOOKS PERTAINING TO APOLLONIUS & RELATED SUBJECTS

THE RESULT: This is a 5 x 8½" - 48 pg. booklet, plastic binding. The by-line reads: "Comparing the Ancient Traditions with ancient history -- by means of selected passages dealing with the origin of the New Testament -- by Dr. C.A. Ostby -- Compiled by F.R. Bartholomew -- 2501 Irving Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Ostby writes: "I am nearing my 92nd birthday, and have wished so much to leave behind me in book form the result of my life-long investigations of the Bible and of Christianity. My friend F.R. Bartholomew has compiled this for me, without compensation..."

This booklet makes the case for the actual origin of the "historical" Jesus in the Hesus Christos of the Nicean Council (325 A.D.) plus the great repute of Apollonius of Tyana. An admirable summary. No fixed price and I understand the supply is limited. We suggest you send $1.00 to Mr. Bartholomew at the address given above (and refer to this BSR recommendation).

SPIRITISM & THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRISTIANITY -- by James Russell Lowell Morrell, published by: Morrell & Bahler, Morrell Bldg., Remington, Ind. An 87-pg booklet, pocket size. "An account of the deliberate and malicious destruction of a pure and ancient religion - and the true origins of the teachings attributed to the "historical" Jesus. The author has an admirable historical background and gives important information about Apollonius....The author of this booklet is in ill health and difficult circumstances; there are only a few copies left of his booklet and there will be NO reprint. No fixed price, but we recommend that Associates interested in the subject matter send $1.00, either to the author at address given above, or to BSR Hdqrs.

NOTE: We cannot supply further orders for the book APOLLONIUS OF TYANA, by Alice Winston - but it can be obtained from the New Age Publishing Co., 1542 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles 26, Calif. Price, $2.75. (This life of Apollonius is derived from a reading of the Akashic Records).

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THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANS: This is a 64-page mimeo. book, 7 x 9½", consisting of statements made by the Mark Probert Controls during the last 7-8 years, concerning the Aeroforms ('saucers' or 'Discs') and the beings who operate them. It includes also the remarkable communications given through Assoc. Rolf Telano, the G.L. chart of the Etheric Zones of Terra, and Notes on the Probert mediumship. . . This information given by the Controls is still the only coherent, intelligible, and scientific explanation given anywhere. Compiled by Meade Layne & published at BSR Hdqrs. Price $3.00. *

THE STORY OF CREATION - by the Yada di Shi'ite - & - the Maharajah Natcha. Excerpts by permission from "The Magic Bag", by the Probert Controls. $1.50. (18 pgs of very striking material).

MEDIUMS & MEDIUMSHIP: 26 pgs. Compiled by Meade Layne. (Kluski, Mirabelli, and other). $1.00

(NOTE: * We have a few copies of the first printing of Coming of the Guardians, at $2.00. Identical text except for one inserted correction).

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-- N. Meade Layne, Director.

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER:

Perhaps the most interesting and useful of foreign publications dealing with the aeroforms is the Civilian Quarterly Journal of Auckland, New Zealand, entitled simply "Flying Saucers" (1, Nissan Place, Onehunga, S.E. 5; or post office box 1914. Their volume II, issue 3 (36 pgs.) is at hand, along with an 8-page brochure by President H.H. Fulton. Membership one pound per annum ($2.80), which includes the Journal.

On the subject of "Angel Hair" the Journal apparently has more news from California than do the USA publications. Observers in the San Fernando Valley and other California areas describe this stuff as "a fluffy blanket, dead white, almost ephemeral in delicacy and apparently electrically charged ... streamed like a lacy ribbon from a mysterious craft ... looked like finely shredded wool or spun glass... Held between the fingers it dissolves into nothingness. "I saw a round ball" (says one witness). The ball was near a plane but going faster than it. It was about three times the size of a full moon. It was plain dead white and didn't glisten. Suddenly a stream of white substance flowed from the ball. Then the ball went straight up and disappeared. The "hair" fell over an area of three city blocks; when I picked it up it disappeared'. A cigar-shaped aeroform was hovering over the Valley, and later in the day three discs were sighted. . .'

The Journal devotes several pages to this subject, and the data clearly point to a definite association of the "Angel Hair" with the UFO's. And I here quote a recent statement attributed to Ernesto Thayaht, founder of CIRNOS (Italian UFO research society), who says: "White spider-web threads have been collected in Rome and all over Tuscany after the passage of UFO's. We have a sample which was analyzed in Florence AND IT IS COMPOSED OF MAGNESIUM, BORON, SILICON, CALCIUM (Mg-B-Si-Ca); it is not radioactive, is slightly elastic, and clings."

Associates will be interested in a comment once made by an M.P. Control, that the "hair" was released into our atmosphere for the purpose of counteracting the radioactive fall-out. And for its possible relevance (which I shall not enlarge upon here) I repeat below the results of an analysis made at the University of Chicago in 1947, of fragments of metal believed to have fallen from an aeroform off the Pacific Coast. The analysis was given me, along with a few comments, by the physicist Roger Graham, and I point out only that it tends to confirm our thesis, that the aeroforms are not made of "matter" as we commonly understand the term, but of grades or conditions of substance which we call etheric. The data as a whole point to the belief that all or nearly all the UFO's are MUTANTS, whether in transit or 'landed', and not at all fixed and permanent constructions. The analysis follows:

(Spectro-Chemical Analysis of Material Believed to be from an UFO)

High percentages Ca - Fe - Zn - Ti
Middle percentages: Al - Mn - Cu - Mg - Si
Low percentages: Ni - Pb - Sr - Cr. TRACES; Ag - Sn- Cd.

"16 elements in all, all on same side of valence scale, with no oxygen, chlorine, or other combiner. This precludes any possibility of its being natural. It seems to me (R.G.) this places the stuff outside the range of ordinary combinations known to man, since Ag, Sn, Cd, & Zn are blended with Fe, Mn and other high temperature metals."

The Control "X" (LaoTsu) remarked about this analysis: " That combination ought to make it clear to you that these materials have been brought together out of the ether. Note that they are free from dirt (chemical ash). This is synthetic material; it could not have been shot up from the earth nor come from meteors . . ."

The JOURNAL also prints a lengthy extract from the article "Spies from Outer Space, by Frank Edwards, printed in the American REAL MAGAZINE for Nov. '54 - an extraordinary record of official evasion and duplicity.

Although there are several excellent periodicals now published in the U.S.,dealing with the aeroforms, this New Zealand Journal ("Flying Saucers") has contacts in the southern hemisphere which are not easily accessible to us here. I cannot do better than to recommend to all Associates, that in addition to at least one US periodical they subscribe to the JOURNAL also. The membership, including four issues of the Journal, is 1 pound, or $2.80 by latest exchange rate; but 7 shillings (($1.40) will bring you the Dec. '54 issue (Vol. II No. 3), plus the next three quarterly issues. International postal order, from post office. Address CSI Hdqrs., No. 1, Nissan Place, Onehunga S.E. 5, New Zealand.

The BSR publications, as 'you-all' know, do not attempt to print sightings & strange happenings, unless something of much novelty and possible importance is involved. Such reporting is well taken care of by other publications with better facilities. Our special duty, as I see it, lies in the fact that we have a basic interpretation of the phenomena - one which makes 'good' science and sound metaphysics, and also integrates the four or five major factors in the present planetary situation. No one in the BSR takes personal credit for this explanation, since it did not originate with us - but neither do we consider it a religionistic or mystical revelation. It is intensely realistic and factual, and is slowly but steadily gaining ground. Meanwhile we urge our Associates to continue to read sightings and other reports from reliable publications, and to consider how far our "4-D" or "Etheric" explanation will apply to them. This application will become clearer in proportion as the explanation is understood.

As an example of what the JOURNAL calls its "most spectacular report received to date" we quote below THE GONZALES STORY (pg. 3 ff.,Jour. II-3, Dec.'54):

Gonzales Story — The November bulletin of the APRO (Alamogordo, N.M.) reports details of many claimed landings. The following thought-provoking incident is regarded by the Director of APRO as being genuine. This organization casts the claims of Adamski, Bethurum, Fry and other 'contactors' to the hoax pile without any ado - so read on ---

PETARE, VENEZUELA: New information tending to corroborate the story of Gustavo Gonzales, is the report that an object meeting the same description as that in the Gonzales case, was sighted in Venezuela two hours prior to the incident. APRO member is attempting to get a personal interview with the men involved.

WATCH THIS ONE: Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Rolas, both of Caracas, write that people are deeply concerned over this incident, and they believe that something big might break soon - at least in Venezuela ...

HERE'S THE WHOLE STORY - and probably the most important one in 1954. On November 28, at 2:00 a.m., Gustavo Gonzales and his helper, Jose Ponce, set out for Petare (20 minutes ride from Caracas) to purchase food-stuffs. They were in a panel truck, used in their delivery service. Upon reaching a street which leads to a sausage factory, they were startled to see a luminous sphere some 8 to 10 ft. in diameter blocking the street. It was hovering six feet above the ground.

Both Gonzales and Ponce got out of the truck to investigate, and saw a dwarfish man coming toward them. Gonzales grabbed the little man and lifted him off the

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ground, intending to put him in the truck, and was surprised by the lightness of the man. Gonzales says that the feel of the body was as of stiff hair, and hard. The man gave him a push which knocked him 15 feet away. Ponce verifies this as he watched the scuffle, but when he saw that with one push of his arm he threw Gustavo such a distance, he took off for the Traffic Inspector's office which happened to be just around the corner.

Ponce also said that what made him run was the fact that he saw two other little men emerging from the bushes with what looked like hunks of dirt in their hands. These little men leaped into the sphere through an opening in the side. The man with whom Gustavo had grappled then leaped into the air about six feet, then toward him, his eyes glowing. Scared to death, Gustavo pulled a scout knife he had on him, and as the creature approached him with claws extended, he made a stab at the creature's shoulder, but to his surprise the blade slid off and did not penetrate. At this moment another creature emerged from the sphere holding some sort of tube, and shone a ray of light on him which blinded him momentarily. He made out that all the creatures then jumped into the sphere, which shot up into the air and was lost to sight within a few seconds.

Overcome with exhaustion and fright, the men, Gustavo and Ponce, related their story to the Traffic Inspectors on duty, who thought they were drunk. Examination proved they had not had anything to drink. Police later said that if the men had been drinking they would have been arrested for drunken driving. Both men were given sedatives, and at the present, Gustavo Gonzales is under observation by doctors who are observing the reddish mark left on his side.

Another man, a typesetter, immediately came forward to report the incident which he had held secret because of his fear of ridicule. This man, on November 4, was hunting on his launch in the Delta district when he saw a luminous sphere suspended off the ground a little way in from the shore. The semi-civilized Indians with him fled in terror, but he approached, tied up the launch, and hid behind the bushes and rocks to watch. He saw three or four creatures of dwarfish size making repeated trips to the sphere with dirt in their hands.

That is the story APRO members, we got a short report and held up this issue hoping for more information, which we have presented here. Because of the details, the apparently serious attitude of the police and citizens of Caracas, plus the physical evidence left behind in the mark on Gonzales' body, we believe this account true, and the most spectacular report we have ever received to date.

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BOOKS DONATED TO BSR - RECENT ADDITIONS:

Secret Science Behind Miracles (Max Long) -- Hypnotism Comes of Age (Bernard Wolfe) -- Instantaneous Personal Magnetism (Shaftesbury) -- Psychology of Sex (Erwin Wexburg, M.D. -- Doctors of the Mind (Marie B. Ray) -- Old Age Deferred (Arnold Lorand, M.D.) -- Gen. Introd. to Psychoanalysis (Freud). All the foregoing at $1.00 plus postage (.15), except the Shaftesbury ($3.00). NOTE: several of these have badly defaced covers, others have pencil marks on pages, but in most cases the text is clean and intact. (Our thanks to Mrs Dorothy Costa, St. Louis)

On the Constitution of Matter & Related Topics -

by Ramond Natalli (Trance Control for Mark Probert).

Here is something else we wish you to think upon. For many years now most of your scientists have not seemed to realize that the 'matter' which goes to make up shapes and forms on the unseen level is much denser than the matter on the physical plane. It is assumed that because your solids can be turned into liquids and then into gases, some of which become invisible to the human eye (due to the wider separation of their component parts and the greater oscillation in atomic motion) -that a similar condition exists on other planes of consciousness. If this were so, how could a disembodied entity take your physical matter and spread it over his body? No, this could not be done if your matter were heavier and denser than ours. The less dense matter could not hold up under the strain.

The fact is, however, that the electronic bodies that whirl around the atom or nucleus of our matter are gathered closer to the nucleus, due to a lowering of heat radiation from the nucleus. This constriction of the electronic field of our atom gives our bodies a greater density and elasticity in comparison to yours. It also explains why our atom of matter can pass right on through the electronic field of the atom of your matter without disturbing its field.

The teleportation of matter and the act of bringing one form of matter through another seems to cause great amazement among you. Yet both these forms of action are " normal functions in nature. When you discover, as you will in time, how closely interrelated are mind and matter, or the various planes of the unseen and your physical-chemical world, you will then understand the many methods of teleportation. . .

In reducing formed matter to a formless state, you are merely sending it back a few stages to its original condition, but there is no physical scientist who knows how to take it back to this condition, for if he could, the bit of substance so reduced would escape him entirely, and the only way he could bring it back into physical contact would be through the minds of certain individuals, working in conjunction with the brain.

In reducing a solid to a gas you are not causing that substance to be anything other than it was before; you are merely breaking up and scattering its component parts, thereby giving it a different form. Ice and invisible steam are not two different things, but the same thing in a different rate of motion of its parts. The more a physical-chemical substance is divided, the more dense its remaining parts become, and therefor the greater must be the force or work done on it to split it again. The reason for this seems to be that the gravitational pressure of the ether becomes greater as the parts are divided. The raising of this pressure is always equal to the parts taken away. This is why it has taken such a tremendous force to split your atom.

The more matter is divided and subdivided, the greater the radiational heat it creates within itself. Never can matter be reduced to the point of one. All Nature works with two or more energies and forces working in harmony - I use the word two figuratively, for the act of division in its deeper sense is Maya or illusion; we can never really divide or add to anything. All we can do is to bring about a changed condition of activity. If we bring about this change before its natural time, we will have to hold on constantly to the method used to make that change, or that which was so changed will automatically revert to its original state. . . The problem of the origin of matter can be answered only by metaphysics, which says that matter has no point of origin as that word is understood. Matter just IS - for an originating point would still be matter - and a dot or point cannot of itself have an existence. . ."

(From The Coming of the Guardians; pub. by the BSR with permission of Mark Probert).

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'That Calendar Business': "Re letter from Assoc. G. C. Wilson, on page 23 of ROUND ROBIN X-5 (January-February, '55) --'Before we get all hot and bothered about the moon changing its orbit, let's take a look at the facts.

"Calendars are accurate only insofar as they give the days of the month as falling on certain days of the week. Their astronomical information is about as accurate as their advertising. Any time given for any astronomical phenomena would be accurate in only one time zone; and since they invariably circulate in several time zones, they solve the problem by giving the Greenwich time, which is from five to eight hours later than the equivalent time at any point in the United States.

"As an example, let us take the Full Moon of February 6-7, 1955. I will quote first from "Die Deutsche Ephemeride Band IV - 1951-1960", published in 1950. On Feb. 7, 1955 at 0:00 hr. Greenwich- The position of the Sun is given as 17 Aquarius 26. The Moon is then 16 Leo 32, lacking just 54' of the opposition, which is the Full Moon.

"The daily motion of the Sun is 1 degree, of the Moon 13 degs. 38'. This leaves a difference in daily motion of 12 deg. 38'.

Logarithm of 54' is	1.42597
Log. of 12 deg. 38'	27869
Subtract.	1.14728

This is the log. of the interval between 0:00 hr. World time and the Greenwich time of the Full Moon. The log. table gives this as 1 hr. 43 min. Subtracting the time differences of 5, 6, 7 and 8 hrs. gives us 8:43, 7:43, 6:43, and 5:43 p.m. Feb. 6, 1955, as the time of the Full Moon by Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific Standard Time respectively.

"Now for the down-to-date figures, let us consult the aspectarian on page 124 of Feb. "Horoscope" magazine. Quote: 'Feb., 1955, Sun. 6. Full Moon E. S. T. 8.43 P.M. -C. S. T. 7.43 P.M.-M. S. T. 6.43 P.M.- P.S.T. 5.43 P.M." -- (Assoc. Delbert S. Peirce, North Hollywood, Calif.)

MESSAGES FROM THE SPACE PEOPLE: This is a 15-page publication (8½ x 11") by Dr. Gilbert N. Holloway, clearly and simply written under some 24 headings, which include brief reviews of the various "contact" stories (Bethurum, Fry et al.) - and also such topics as The Etheric Hypothesis -- Mutants and Mutability -- Saucers Landing at Edwards Air Force Base - Cosmological Ideas of Gerald Light -- Realms of Etheria -- Angel's Hair -- Diseases of Glass and Metals ... This is almost the only contemporary magazine which concerns itself not only with extraordinary phenomena, but with the broader aspects, questions of interpretation, of the metaphysics, philosophy, and novel scientific concepts involved. Presently, by our guess, every cultist, 'ic or 'ism publication will be sounding trumpets for some special revelation of its own - the sum total of these being a rimless cipher. So far as Dr. Holloway's appraisals are impersonal, detached, critical but receptive - we are 'all for' his ecclectic attitude. . . MESSAGES FROM SPACE PEOPLE may be obtained from The Holloway School, Box 27866, Los Feliz Station, Los Angeles 27, Calif. Price $1.00. -- This brochure called MESSAGES etc. is numbered 8 on the publication list. Nos. 7-9-10 are called Coming of the Space People, Flying Saucers, & Conquest of Space and will probably interest you if you like No. 8 ($1.00 each).

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VARIA: "Mysterious Blast Shakes New Zealand -- Auckland, New Zealand, Feb. 6, 1955- (from Los Angeles Times, Feb. 6) -- A mysterious explosion of terrific force shook the west coast of New Zealand's South Island today. People reported seeing a strange silver shape flash overhead at the same time.

Observers at widely separated points described the object as cigar-shaped and emitting a dazzling light, and travelling at high speed. They said it lost altitude as it moved inland toward the Southern Alps. The explosion was heard and felt over several hundred square miles." (Cr. Assoc. Rev. Verne Cameron, Elsinore, Calif)

"Clues Trickle Away -- Ice Spangles Yard and Mystery Deepens: (from recent newspaper clipping, of Jan. 30, 1955) 'A. M. Ludvickson of Los Angeles yesterday had a mystery on his hands, but the longer the mystery remained unsolved, the warmer the trail became. He said he stepped into his yard at 553 W. Colden Ave. early yesterday and noticed that his back yard was spangled with chunks of ice. The largest piece - Ludvickson estimated its weight at 25 to 30 pounds - had buried itself six inches into the turf.

"I thought maybe it came from an airplane," he explained, as his home is in the path of planes using International Airport. "But I called my son, and he said that planes only use dry ice. So now I don't know where it came from." (Cr. Assoc. Rev. V.L. Cameron, Elsinore, Calif.)

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More VARIA: "Yard Littered With Meteor (?) Fragments" (from Miami-Herald, Feb.,'55) -- "Fragments from the meteor that flashed through the skies over South Florida Monday night landed in a Miami yard, a housewife is convinced.

"Mrs. R.L. Pinder has found 'hundreds' of small reddish-brown stones, ranging in size from that of a quarter to a fifty-cent piece, that she is certain came from a meteor. Her husband was asleep, and she was preparing to go to bed Monday at their home, 1550 N.W. 20th St., when there was a noise 'as if it were hailing on the roof'.

"Suddenly it became very hot -- and remained so warm that she had difficulty in sleeping. 'It was a sort of hot streak, and then stayed warm', she explains. The next day she noticed the strange rock pieces, looking as if they had been burned on the edges. Leaves of some flowers near the house had turned yellow, as if they had been exposed to strong heat.

"Experts said Monday night the meteor apparently burned out 20,000 to 30,000 feet above the Everglades, some 30 to 40 miles southwest of Miami." (Cr. Assoc. Jos. B. Gunter).

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We have not yet seen this book, but quote from the publisher's announcement sheet-- "The Theory Of Celestial Influence", by Rodney Collins. (Published by Vincent Stuart, 55 Welbeck St., London, Marah, 1954 -- 35/- ($4.90, plus 50¢ exchange) --

"This book, then, may be taken as a 'reconstruction', in one particular form and in one particular language, of the body of ideas given by Ouspensky. Its probable significance lies in its relating every problem treated to the idea of higher consciousness, and in its indicating a path by which such consciousness may be again approached.

"Associates interested in Gurdjieff's teachings will certainly want to own "Celestial". It is beautifully and simply written, contains many charts and cross-references and presents a concept of man's relation to the cosmos which is both illuminating and frightening." (Cr. Assoc. Thelma U. Moore, Los Angeles 15, Calif.)

IS SPIRITUALISM A RELIGION?

Under the heading, Spiritualism is a Religion IF ... Col. A.E. Powell gives an adequate answer to a familiar question. His article appears in Psychic Observer of March 10, 1955. "It is an objective, scientific fact" he writes, "that spiritualism is a religion the moment anyone chooses so to regard it." 'It is an inalienable right, of anyone, to make any idea or belief or fact into a religion. A man might build a house with absurd materials, on stolen land, unsafe and unsanitary, and call it a palace and live in it. Other people might regard it as ridiculous, but it is a house with a tenant for all that. To apply an analogy, religions are mental and emotional constructs in which builders elect to dwell.'

Col. Powell takes the position that 'the basic essence of spiritualism is extended communication', with its implication of the survival of the human personality after death. As to the content of these communications they do not, in general, contribute anything definite and usable to our philosophy or science; while the physical phenomena present us with innumerable puzzles which we as yet have no means of solving. Yet the author believes that the study of phenomena, including communication, is the only 'common platform' available. The most practicable goal is said to be a "religion of common decency", which Col. Powell feels at least meets his personal needs.

The article suffers somewhat, in my opinion, from the lack of a definition of the word religion, or of some kind of definitive formulation of the term - though of course it is defined by implication from many different angles. But the idea that everybody knows what religion means (or spiritualism, or materialism or any other of a thousand omnibus words) is of course quite unworkable from a logical standpoint. As is the case with nine-tenths of all arguments, semantic difficulties are serious and unavoidable.

Col. Powell, as most of our readers know, is the author of several small books which summarize and expound important Theosophical teachings. These books are exceptionally well done and extremely useful. His essay in Psychic Observer is much more mature and liberal in tone than is usual for that publication.*

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*Referring further to the Psychic Observer - another favorable symptom of enlightenment is the series of articles by Dr. Gilbert N. Holloway, Ph.D. (Box 27866, Los Angeles 27). Both Col.Powell and Dr. Holloway have long been helpful friends of the BSR publications. The Observers' reprint of Leonard's Higher Spiritualism is also most commendable. (Printed at Chesterfield, Ind. Copy, .20). -- For Theosophical publications inquire of the Theos. Pub. Co., Wheaton, Ill.

We call attention to a remarkable article by Assoc. Clarkson Dye (309-San Jose Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.), in FATE magazine for March '55, entitled "Radio to Other Worlds". Altho rejected by other publications on the ground of being 'too improbable', Mr. Dye's dependability is beyond question. Associates interested in our former "Project Hermes" will give this article thoughtful consideration. ml

BOOKLETS - for sale by BSR Hdqrs.

Spiritism & the Beginnings of Christianity; by James Russell Lowell Morrell. This is a small 4½ x 6 " , pocket size, 87 pgs. The general theme is summarized by the author, by saying that "true Christianity as represented by the Sermon on the Mount (by whom? Apollonius?) and true spiritualism are one and identical; that the Chruch merely pretends to be Christian ... and prays to a supposed Deity in the external world..." Largely concerned with the role of Apollonius. Admirably presented. Price $1.00. Obtain from BSR Hdqrs. or from the author, Morrell Bldg., Remington, Ind. (refer to BSR).

The Result: This is a 5½ x 8½ - 48 pg brochure, with subtitle: Selected Passages dealing with the Origin of the New Testament - from the Works of Reliable Historians. The references are extensive and well selected, and go far to complete the case for the origin of the "historical" Jesus in the Hesus Christos of the Nicean Council, plus the great repute of Apollonius of Tyana.. The author is Dr. O.A. Ostby of Minneapolis (now nearing his 92nd brithday), and the collating of material; compilation by F.R. Bartholomew (2501 Irving Ave. So. Minneapolis, Minn.) Mimeo., plastic binding. From the compiler, or BSR Hdqrs. Price $1.00

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IF you have a mimeograph machine (ELECTRIC) which you would lend or rent to BSR Hdqrs. - - - The mimeographer who has done all of our 'heavy' work for us during the last nine years will soon be obliged, for reasons of health, to close his San Diego office. This means we shall have to try to mimeo. the RR ourselves with our own very inadequate equipment. We may have to combine RR with CQC in some way - but all subscribers will get all issues they have paid for. - But the BSR set-up is over-extended for a non-profit operation.

The basic difficulty, as usual, is financial. Don't forget about sending us books, in the field of BSR interests, which you don't need or want any longer, with permission to sell and to apply the proceeds to BSR expenses. . . We have, besides the Director, two and often three persons helping us in the office but still fail to keep up with correspondence. We like to get letters - but how to find time to answer them? If you want us to look up articles in past issues, please give as accurate information as possible, since our back files are not indexed. And be sure that clips have the name and date of the paper, as well as your own name and address.

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The Greatest Puzzle of All is the title of a 75-page booklet by Clarkson Dye. It is, in effect, one more attempt (and an excellent one) to present such an array of evidence and of well-known names, in support of personal survival and communication with the so-called dead, that the burden of proof falls on the objector and the contrary side. The presentation is lucid and effective, and the "puzzle" is the indifference (rather than hostility) with which such efforts are received.

It is my own habit (when pressed a bit) to say flatly that survival and communication are proven, and to meet indignant protests by the legalistic and dictionary definition of proof - sufficient evidence to produce conviction beyond reasonable doubt. Since doubt which is reasonable to one person may seem un - reasonable to another, only a continued appeal to evidence and authority can effect any change. To my own mind, the burden of proof is on the negative side.

Clarkson Dye's book is among the best I have seen, as an offering to the newcomer and the 'interested but uninformed'. For sale by CHIMES PUB.CO., Brea, Calif., at $1.00.